

North Sidney Messenger



MAY 2007 NORTH SIDNEY MESSENGER No. 29

This is Newsletter No. 29. North Sidney Messenger is sent to you once a year to bring you news since last Memorial Day to present time. If you are a first-time reader of the letter, we say “WELCOME”. Thank you to long-time readers for your support and for your continued interest.

North Sidney Church and Cemetery Historical Association is registered with the State of Michigan as a non-profit organization. Our purpose is to take care of the church and cemetery and to preserve it for future generations. Do you think we are living up to that purpose? Membership can be either by paying dues yearly of \$2.00 per year after the first fee of \$10.00 is paid or life membership of \$50 per person and is a one-time fee. Dues are used for newsletter, postage and other general up-keep expenses. Memorial money is used for special projects. Other gifts or donations help with larger projects. Cemetery up-keep is paid from the Perpetual Care Fund. If a lot has no perpetual care fund, a special fee is paid.

Please check out the North Sidney Church and Cemetery Historical Association website www.northsidney.com. There are links to other sites as well as information on how to purchase books and become a member. The newsletter will also be posted. If you have ideas on how to improve it or information that could be added, just send Krista a note. Also, if you have any news or information that you would like to share for next year's newsletter just send us an email.

Movie update! As we indicated in last years newsletter the movie “Resurrection” that was filmed at the Church was supposed to be done in the fall. The producer, Tara Kittle, has had some serious health problems and the completion of the movie has been set back. I contacted Tara this winter and she is making progress as far as her

health but still has a long way to go. She indicated that there were a couple of scenes that still had to be completed in California. We will keep you updated.

If you know of someone that would enjoy the newsletter and currently doesn't receive it, let one of the officers know and we will make it happen. Also, if your address has changed, make sure we get updated information so our postage expenses aren't wasted with returns.

When you visit the Church, please check out the "Heritage Wall". If you see pictures without names and know who they are let one of the officers know so we can add the names. If you have pictures or items that you would like to donate to the Church please let one of the officers know.

At this time there are no more grave sites available for purchase. If you know of someone that owns a lot but isn't going to use it and would like to sell it, let Wesley Thomsen our Sexton know.

Please plan on attending the Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 28th. Final plans will be made at the Annual Meeting on May 9th. The meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at the Church. The Memorial Day Service will begin at 2:00 p.m.

This year's message will be delivered by someone dear to Wes and my hearts! Luke Dudenhofer, our son-in-law will be our speaker. Luke and Melissa live in Chicago but both grew up in the Stanton/Sidney area. Luke's father, Tom, was Pastor at the Baptist Church in Stanton for many years. Luke is graduating in May from Moody Bible College with a Masters of Ministry. Luke is pastor of the New Life Community Church in Bridgeport and they have two adopted sons, Josiah Wesley 2 years old and Titus Charles who is 1. Melissa is a registered nurse at Rush University Medical Center.

The officers and their addresses are listed on the last page of this letter. Please send dues or donations to Jennifer Thomsen, Treasurer.

We still have copies of the North Sidney 1884-1984 book. There is much information on the Sidney area and families in the area. Contact Jennifer Thomsen or pick one up at the Church on Memorial Day.

This year my "Focus on our Area Families" is John and Ane Lamb. John Lamb, son of Adam Lamb, was born in Nordby, Samsø, Denmark on January 11, 1844. He became a wooden shoemaker and gardener. On September 25, 1886 he married Ane Christine Miller who was born November 18, 1844 in Nordby, Samsø, Denmark. They had nine children. Three died in Denmark. Carl, Petrine, Peter, Andrew, Hannah and Niels came to America. John and Ane's daughter Hannah was the first to come to America. She missed her family so much that she finally convinced her parents to bring the family to America. They arrived September 18, 1893 after a week on the boat. On November 25, 1893 they purchased forty acres south of Derby Lake on Derby Road. In 1916 John and Ane celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with friends in Sidney. In 1917 they sold the farm and moved to the house west of the Congregational Church in Sidney. John died October 17, 1919 and Ane died on February 27, 1940. You can read more about the Lamb family in the North Sidney Area book which can be purchased by contacting Jennifer Thomsen or printing the order form from the web site.

Last fall Jean Barber's son, Kurt and Kimberlee Woods were united in marriage at the North Sidney Church. The weather was wonderful, the Church was decorated beautifully and everyone enjoyed the day. Congratulations Kurt and Kimberlee!

In the last year we have had several friends and family members leave us, Sidney Gallagher, Helen England, Wayne Wyckoff, Virginia Billings Merical , Victor (Bud) Harrison, Einar Jorgensen, Bill Dickinson, Jack Carlson, Beatrice Schroder, Virgil Jurden and Jean Schwarting (Linda Olson's mother). I'm sure we have missed some special people in your lives. All will be greatly missed.

The cemetery is being taken care of by a professional lawn service. John Kooi has done an excellent job the last few years for us. If you have any concerns about your lot care contact Wes Thomsen and he will contact John.

Please remember and pray for all of our men and women serving in the military. May they all return soon. Flags are placed on the grave of Veterans each year. A special thanks to Sidney Township for furnishing the flags and John and Lillian Christophersen for placing them on the grave sites.

The week prior to Memorial Day we are looking for volunteers to spend a few hours to keep the church open and greet visitors. Please let Jennifer Thomsen know if you are willing to do this, so we can make sure the church will be unlocked.

As I close for another year, I want to thank everyone who assists with keeping the Association running smoothly whether it is with donations, volunteering to help during Memorial Day week, bringing cookies to share or helping with clean up. Thanks to all who attend the Memorial Day Service and hope to see you there.

Marilyn Thomsen

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Memorial Day Service, May 28, 2007, 2:00 p.m.

Fall Meeting, September 12, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

Spring Meeting, May 14, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

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